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BOIL WATER ORDER FOR RANCHO SANTA TERESA MUTUAL WATER COMPANY

Test Results Indicate Bacteria Present in Drinking Water Supply

The County of San Diego, Department of Environmental Health (DEH) has issued a Boil Water Order and Public Notification for Rancho Santa Teresa Mutual Water Company located at 25056 Rancho Santa Teresa Drive, Ramona, CA 92065 effective immediately. Water samples collected on February 5, 2007 and reported by the laboratory today, February 6, 2007, confirmed the presence of total coliform bacteria in the water distribution system. *E. coli* bacteria was **absent** in all samples.

Total coliform bacteria can come from soils and other sources in the environment, and can indicate a problem with the water supply system. The Boil Water Order was issued to Rancho Santa Teresa Mutual Water Company to ensure all water used is free from contamination. The Boil Water Order will remain in effect until the distribution system has been disinfected and additional samples confirm the absence of bacteria in the water supply.

Rancho Santa Teresa Mutual Water Company immediately took steps to prevent the public from coming in contact with the contaminated water by posting public notification.

For more information on the Boil Water Order, please contact Dan Haddow, System Operator at (760)787-0637.